

REMARKS

The claims have been amended as needed so as to be formally correct.

The indication of allowability of claims 32 and 35 is noted with thanks.

Accordingly, the limitations of claim 32 (and claims 25 and 28 from which it depends) are herewith added to claim 23, thereby placing claim 23 in condition for allowance and with it the claims that depend therefrom.

Of course, claims 25, 28 and 32 are canceled herewith, as redundant of thus-amended claim 23.

As to claim 35, this claim has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 45, and appropriate dependent claims corresponding generally to those dependent from claim 23 are added to claim 45.

As this amendment seeks only to place the application in condition for allowance with two independent claims previously indicated to be allowable, it is believed not to be necessary to discuss the prior art at this time.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee of \$728 for the fourteen (14) claims of any type added herewith to our credit card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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